Report of the State Autonomy Committee of J&K

349. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: SHRI
V.V.RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jammu and Kashmir Autonomy Committee Report has been lying with the *Government* of India since May, 1999,

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any measures to enter into consultations with the Government of Jammu and Kashmir and if *not,* the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have any prior indication that Jammu and Kashmir Assembly would pass a resolution *endorsing* the autonomy report;

(d) if so, whether any advice was given to the State Government before the resolution was passed by the Assembly; and

(e) if so, the nature of this advice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No Sir. The Report *of* J & K State Autonomy Committee was received, from the State Government of Jammu *&,* Kashmir, by the Centre in the last week of November 1999. As it was *not* clear as to whether the State Government had considered the Report, they were requested to apprise the Centre about their views/comments on the various recommendations. The State Government thereafter considered the Report of SAC and endorsed the recommendations and apprised the Centre about the same in the third week *of* January 2000.

(c) No, sir.

(d) and (e) question does not arise.

Advanced weapons for ultras by ISI

350. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that ISI *arranges* advanced weapons for ultras;

(b) if so, whether this will enable the militants to carry out fierce attacks on Indian security personnel and anti-Pak sections of the civilian population;